

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Mattei. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is in error as Mattei does not disclose the idea of providing a memory into which is stored **a performance map of the normal operation of the air circulation system** including information indicating a predetermined decrease over time of the degree of contamination of the air by a known airborne contaminant, as set forth in claim 1. What Mattei does is store values U which relate to a given airborne contaminant, but there is no storage of related data indicating a predetermined decrease over time of the degree of contamination. Thus, claim 1 is thought allowable.

Claims 2-8 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are likewise thought allowable.

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mattei in view of Ammann et al. This rejection is thought to be in error for the same reasons stated above relative to the rejection of claim 1 based on Mattei alone since Ammann et al. does not teach the idea of storing in memory a performance map of the **normal operation of the air circulation system**.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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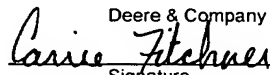
Respectfully,



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